

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1889.

The Village Improvement Association.

As is well-known, nothing so tends to promote life as a powerful motive for living. An old lady who was supposed to be dying, suddenly discovered that upon her death, a prodigious relative would levy upon her effects. She declared that he should not have her property, and by the mere force of will-power prolonged her life until she had accomplished her purpose. It is possible that the Village Improvement Association is not yet ready to die. To be sure, its efforts are not of great value. It has, however, a good name; and, no doubt, some things long ago undertaken are still unaccomplished.

But the needs of the community are unending. Indeed, they grow with the population, and improvements are constantly demanding accomplishment. Either the present association, or another, younger and more vigorous, has still an important work to do.

We take up one or two subjects at random. It is a nuisance for the stillness of Sunday to be disturbed by picnic parties who drive through the main streets singing and shouting.

It is a nuisance for the saloons to be kept open on Sunday, dispensing liquor to customers in defiance of law and good order. Cannot the association find some way to stop these nuisances?

The surroundings of the D. L. & W. R. R. depot might be improved by the opening of the proposed street from Glenwood avenue to Washington street.

The association might give something more than good advice to the gentlemen who are trying to get a depot on the Greenwood Lake Railway at Chestnut Hill. It might open Newark avenue to the joy of Fairview.

The Athletic Association, the Woman's Temperance Union and the Young Men's Christian Association are all looking for permanent quarters. Why not buy Library Hall, complete the original plan by building stores, offices, and rooms to build street? The main building will never be good for anything but for a large assembly room, and Bloomfield needs a room of this sort. It is ridiculous to talk of building flats upon the front of this lot. No one would live in a flat from which air and light are excluded by a brick wall in the rear.

A building with stores, offices, a hall and library room would be a boon to the town. The Young Men's Christian Association could not get a cheaper assembly room than Library Hall, and the plan suggested might include a gymnasium also. A library would also be useful. Are there not one hundred men in the town who will agree to contribute ten dollars per year for a library—or to put it in another form—will not the Village Improvement Association show that it is alive by passing a resolution that membership shall include the payment of fees of ten, twenty, or twenty-five dollars per year, to be expended in improvements as the association may direct?

We imagine that most of the members would come out to the meetings, if it were known that one or two thousand dollars were to be appropriated to public improvements some evening.

There is plenty of room for a live association, but there is no way to tell whether it is alive unless it is doing something. As the Irishman said of the head of the snail-turtle which kept moving after it was cut off—"Sure, the creature's dead, but he's not sensible of it." If the association only holds a meeting now and then to resolve that it is alive, it may really be dead, and be withholding the intelligence from its friends.

Then again this Improvement Association may need improving. In these days when even Reform Associations need reforming, and Keeley motors refuse to move, it is important to watch all sorts of organizations to see whether they are not in fact training their members to walk round and round in a half-bushel measure, while their annual reports proclaim their praise to an astonished world which never heard of them. An Improvement Association which does not improve, like a Protective Association which does not protect, had better turn over its effects to the Cemetery Company and be decently buried out of sight.

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Township Committee.

The N. Y. & G. L. R. R. Company's difficulties with the town of Bloomfield were again brought up in the meeting on Monday night. Chairman Ward inquired whether there had ever been an understanding between the Committee and the Company that the proposed new iron bridge over Belleville avenue promising eighteen inches more clearance over the roadway would be acceptable to the Committee. Mr. Benson said no such agreement was ever made to his knowledge. Thirty-six inches more clearance was what was insisted upon by the Committee. Mr. Cook said that the Railroad Company's Counsel suggested that we gain the additional clearance by scooping out the roadway under the bridge. "But we don't propose to do any scooping," said Mr. Benson. "The Railroad Company has got something to say about that." Mr. Dadd did not take kindly to the scooping idea and plainly said so. A general discussion participated in by all ensued. A former experience with the Company over this same bridge was related, in which it was shown how the Company under the pretense of making repairs succeeded in erecting the present obstruction over the avenue. A renewal of the incident was talked of. Some one remarked that indictments against the Company did not amount to anything. "Well, let us try them in the courts and see," was replied.

The discussion culminated in the passage of a motion offered by Mr. Benson directing the Clerk to write to the railway officials and to their counsel, R. Wayne Parker, requesting on behalf of the Committee, a copy of the plans and specifications of the proposed new bridge on Belleville avenue. Notice was also ordered served on the Company not to commence the erection of any structure at that point without the approval of the Committee.

The violations of law and order frequently indulged in on Sunday by picnic parties passing through the town, and the commencement of the bathing season, were deemed sufficient reasons for strengthening the police force. Robert Williams was made a special policeman.

A number of names will be handed in at the next meeting to be considered as specials. The action of officers Harvey and Baldwin in letting a wagon load of hilarious people pass through the town on Sunday unmolested, was sharply criticized. A communication was received from the Board of School Trustees requesting that Baldwin street be graded and put in proper shape. This street extends from Broad street to the Montclair line, and passes the Brookside Primary School building, which on account of its isolated situation suffers frequently from the depredations of malicious boys who steal and destroy public property. The grading of the street in the opinion of the trustees will encourage building in the vicinity of the school and in time put an end to the depredations.

A communication was received from residents in the locality near the new gasometer of the Montclair Gas & Water Company about the stench caused by escaping gas. The Clerk was directed to notify President J. H. Love of the nuisance complained of.

A bill of \$126.25 for the new Bangor extension ladder recently added to the Fire Department apparatus was presented and ordered paid.

The Gas Committee stated that Superintendent Causbrook of the Gas Company, would be ready to commence work on the new mains next week.

Engineer Reimer certified to the completion of Contractor Freeman's work on Washington street.

The Sidewalk Committee reported that the necessary repairs to Mr. Harvey's sidewalk in Glen Ridge had been made. This is the sidewalk over which so much complaint has been made and about which it was asserted that the flagmen were so thin that they would not stand the weight of a baby carriage being rolled over them.

Overseer of the Poor C. L. Voorhes called attention to a sad case of desertion, destitution and sickness in the family of Wm. Hayes, on Newark avenue. Hayes deserted his family not long since, leaving them destitute. Mrs. Hayes, her neighbors allege, is addicted to drink. In addition to the parents the family numbers five children, three of whom were seized with scarlet fever. A five-year old child died on Monday morning.

The overseer also reported that Edward Lichtenstein, the stranger who was seized with paralysis on the highway near Mrs. Wm. Parson's residence in Brookside and conveyed to Orange Memorial Hospital, died in that institution on Sunday. No trace of any relatives or friends of the dead man can be found.

The petition for the macadamizing of Myrtle street is in the hands of the Road Committee. Assurance has been given that the work will be done.

Organ Recitals.

A series of two spring-time organ recitals have been arranged to be given in the First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday evenings May 23rd and June 5th at eight o'clock, by Mr. William C. Carl, organist of the First church, Newark, whose recitals were so largely attended last fall by many from this place.

The programme of the first recital will contain the following organ compositions to be performed by Mr. Carl: "Vorspiel and Teccata," Bach; "Spring Song," Harry Rowe Shelly; "Passacaglia," Frescobaldi; "Andante," (clock movement), Hadyn; "Adagio" Kalmstedt; "Marche Pontificale," Widor; also Chopin's Funeral March, and Dudley Buck's "Variations on a National air," which will be appropriate to the following holiday: Mrs. W. S. Canon will render the Aria, "Che Faro," from Orpheus and Eurydice, and "Show me thy way, O Lord," by Torontini; Mr. Henry D. Northrup will sing the grand Aria from Mendelssohn's "Oratorio 'Elijah' (Lord God of Abraham).

The soloists for the second recital will be Miss Lucy Nelson, soprano, Mr. H. M. Mason, tenor and Mr. Richard Stringer, basso. Every effort is being made to make these recitals the principal musical event of the season. A small admission fee will be charged to defray the expenses, and tickets can be obtained at the drug stores.

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